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To the Editor:

Although Andrew Revkin claims that the 2002 U.S. Climate Action Report¹,s
"predictions present a sharp contrast to previous statements on climate
change by the Administration," the reality is quite the opposite.
Last year, President Bush noted the rise in surface temperatures and
concentrations of greenhouse gases, and that "the National Academy of
Sciences indicate that the increase is due in large part to human
activity." He also cautioned that significant scientific uncertainties
remain. He emphasized: "The policy challenge is to act in a serious and
sensible way, given the limits of our knowledge."
The Report reinforces each of these points, including the "considerable
uncertainty" about the science, natural variability of the climate, and
the fact that "definitive prediction of potential outcomes is not yet
feasible."
President Bush²,s policies are appropriate to the current state of climate
change science. By implementing 67 programs to curb greenhouse gas
emissions and investing \$4.5 billion annually in science and technology
research and development, the Administration is responsibly addressing
this important issue.

Sincerely,

James L. Connaughton
Chairman
White House Council on Environmental Quality

